

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

June 4, 2020, Electronic Meeting

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Revised June 2, 2020

AGENDA

Thursday, June 4, 2020 – 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
– Byron Bateman, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes **ACTION**
– Byron Bateman, Chairman
3. Old Business/Action Log **CONTINGENT**
– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update **INFORMATION**
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director
5. Book Cliffs Working Group Update **INFORMATION**
– Miles Hanberg, NE Region Supervisor
6. Upland Game and Turkey Guidebook and Rule Recommendations **ACTION**
– Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator
7. Migratory Upland Game Recommendations and Swan Rule Amendments **ACTION**
– Blair Stringham, Migratory Game Bird Program Coordinator
8. AIS Rule Amendments **ACTION**
– Bruce Johnson, AIS Lieutenant
9. Walk-in Access Rule Amendments **ACTION**
– Bryan Christensen, Volunteer Services Coordinator
10. ~~Wildlife Board Stipulations~~ **ACTION**
~~– Greg Hansen, Asst. Attorney General~~ **POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE**
11. Prohibited Species Variance Request **ACTION**
– Drew Dittmer, Native Species Program Coordinator
12. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
– Byron Bateman, Chairman

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Salt Lake City, Utah
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the April 30, 2020 Wildlife Board Meeting

3) Upland Game and Turkey Guidebook and Rule Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed 4-2 with Wade Heaton and Donnie Hunter opposed.

MOTION: I move that the Board does not approve the use of air rifles for upland game until they are approved for Pittman-Robertson tax.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the upland game recommendations as presented by the Division.

4) Migratory Upland Game Recommendations and Swan Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations and amendments as presented.

5) AIS Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations as presented.

6) Walk-in Access Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommendations as presented.

7) Prohibited Species Variance Request (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the variance as presented.

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Online Attendance

Wildlife Board

Byron Bateman – Chair	Karl Hirst
Kevin Albrecht – Vice-Chair	Donnie Hunter
Mike Fowlks – Exec Secretary	Randy Dearth
	Wade Heaton
	Bret Selman

RAC Chairs

Central – Brock McMillan
Southern – Brayden Richmond
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel
Northern – Justin Oliver

Presenters

Heather Talley	Miles Hanberg
Blair Stringham	Drew Dittmer
Bruce Johnson	
Bryan Christensen	

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- 00:00:06** Chairman Bateman called the meeting to order, thanked the presenters and Regional Area Councils, and did a roll call.
- 00:02:02** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.
- 00:02:47** **2) DWR Update (Informational)**
Director Fowlks updated the Board on the Division's success in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, habitat project funding, and the Habitat, Aquatics, Wildlife, Conservation Outreach and Law Enforcement sections projects, efforts and achievements.
- 00:00:00** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
There were no items to discuss from the Action Log.
- 00:10:00** **4) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the April 30, 2020 Wildlife Board Meeting
- 00:10:50** **5) Book Cliffs Working Group Update (Informational)**
Division of Wildlife Resources Northeastern Region Supervisor Miles Hanberg gave a presentation on the Book Cliffs Working Group's spring 2020 finalized strategic action plan.
- 00:35:18** **Board Questions and Discussion**
The Board asked about horse population challenges in the Book Cliffs, funding for Book Cliffs habitat projects, and voiced support for the Book Cliffs Working Group's presented strategies.
- 6) Upland Game and Turkey Guidebook and Rule Recommendations (Action)**
Chairman Bateman noted that there would be no presentations given during the meeting, and also that Division of Wildlife Resources personnel were present in the meeting and available to answer questions. Heather Talley gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.
- 00:44:42** **Public Comments**

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

00:45:45 RAC Recommendation

All RACs passed the rule amendments with varying stipulations and opposition.

00:49:56 Public Comments/Division Clarification

Director Fowlks provided the percentage numbers of public responses in support of, opposed to, or neutral on the proposed recommendations.

00:50:22 Board Questions and Discussion

The Board asked for clarification on the Division's recommendation to allow airguns on the fall turkey hunt, if airguns are allowed on any other hunt, and what the status is of airgun manufacturers registering to pay the Pittman-Robertson excise tax. It was stated by one Board Member that historically the Wildlife Board has disapproved of allowing hunting tools that do not pay Pittman-Robertson tax.

00:55:45 Airgun Allowance

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed 4 in favor and 2 opposed. Wade Heaton and Donnie Hunter opposed.

MOTION: I move that the Board does not approve the use of air rifles for upland game until they are approved for Pittman-Robertson tax.

00:56:25 Board Questions and Discussion

The Board asked if there were an example in big game hunting that might motivate manufacturers to obtain Pittman-Robertson classification. The Board expressed support for adding to the motion a deadline by which airguns need to be eligible for the Pittman-Robertson excise tax.

01:00:13 The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the rest of upland game recommendations as presented by the Division.

01:00:57 7) Migratory Upland Game Recommendations and Swan Rule Amendment (Action)

Blair Stringham gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

01:01:17 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

01:02:43 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the recommendations and rule amendment as presented.

01:04:16 Board Questions and Discussion

There were no questions from the Board or RAC members.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations and amendment as presented.

01:05:02 8) AIS Rule Amendments (Action)

Bruce Johnson gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

01:05:13 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

01:05:55 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the recommendations and rule amendment as presented.

01:07:45 Board Questions and Discussion

There were no questions from the Board or RAC members.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the rule amendments as presented.

01:08:36 9) Walk-in Access Rule Amendments (Action)

Bryan Christensen gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

01:08:43 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

01:09:02 Board Questions and Discussion

The Board asked how much revenue is generated from the Walk-in Access Program.

01:09:38 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the rule amendments with varying stipulations and opposition.

01:11:56 Board Questions and Discussion

The Board asked if the Division could accommodate the Northern RAC concern for providing Walk-in Access Program property user land use information. The Board asked what the total cost to the Division is in payments to landowners, and if there were a cost-per-participant figure.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Bret Selman and

passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the rule amendments as presented.

01:19:36 8) Prohibited Species Variance Request (Action)

Division of Wildlife Resources Native Species Coordinator Drew Dittmer gave a presentation on the request for a variance at the Great Basin Serpentarium.

01:21:46 Board Questions and Discussion

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the variance as presented.

01:22:30 9) Other Business (Contingent)

The Board discussed the scheduled June 25th Wildlife Board Working Meeting.

The Division updated the Board on the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies July 2020 conference.

The Division updated the board on the budget allocation for Habitat Section projects on the Book Cliffs.

01:31:05 Meeting adjourned.

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